

REMARKS

Introduction

In response to the Office Action dated March 11, 2009, Applicants have amended the specification and claims 1-5 editorially. Claim 2 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Support for amended claim 2 is found in, for example, Paras. [0018] and [0034] of the originally filed specification. Care has been taken to avoid the introduction of new matter. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 2, and 4 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Claims 3 and 5 that depend on claim 1 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Claims 1, 2, and 4 have been amended, in accordance with the Examiner's recommendation. Dependent claims 3 and 5 are allowable for at least for the same reasons as their respective base claim. In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been

placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1, 2, and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as purportedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention.

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection is moot in view of the foregoing amendment of claims 1, 2, and 4, as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 is solicited.

Conclusion

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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